GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3539
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DIAMOND UNDER ARABIAN SEA-BED
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diamonds are likely to be found under the Arabian Sea-bed in forthcoming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for exploration of diamond from the sea-bed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) : As per Geological Survey of India (GSI) a subordinate office under Ministry of Mines, engaged in seabed mapping and exploration in the Arabian Sea, no occurrence of diamond has been recorded in Arabian Sea so far.

(b) & (c) : Question does not arise.